



# NEWS RELEASE

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### SBA HOLDING STATEWIDE SERIES

#### FIRST-STOP BUSINESS INFORMATION SEMINARS

Augusta, ME -- The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is holding a series of statewide seminars to provide an overview of the business assistance services available for small business owners and individuals interested in small business ownership. Local community officials are encouraged to attend.

Mary McAleney, District Director of the Maine SBA said "We will be highlighting services and programs available from a variety of federal, state and regional organizations which small businesses and entrepreneurs can use to start, prosper and grow." These seminars will be conducted during the next few months. Information can be found at [www.sba.gov/me](http://www.sba.gov/me).

McAleney added, "There are many tools available to help small businesses achieve success. This seminar will give attendees a working knowledge of the resources available to help them work smarter."

Each two-hour session will consist of a 30 minute registration and networking period, a forty-five minute presentation, followed by a question and answer period. SBA staff members will be available following each presentation to meet with individuals seeking further advice.

There is no charge to attend but pre-registration is necessary. To view scheduled locations and to register go to [www.sba.gov/me](http://www.sba.gov/me) and click on NEW First-Stop Business Information Seminars or call Marilyn Geroux at 622-8382.

New locations are added weekly.

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